manufacturing countries namely Japan, Malayasia has also contributed to the negative trend of exports.

(c) The two-wheeler segment constitutes the major share in total exports.

(d) There is no exclusive scheme for promotion of export of autotmobiles. However, the promotion of export of engineering goods including automobiles has been the constant endeavour of the Government. Measures to increase the export of engineering goods including automobiles consist of various provisions under the Export-Import Policy including, *inter alia*, Duty Exemption Scheme, Export Promotion Capital Goods Scheme, Duty Draw back Scheme, Exemption under Section 80HHC of Income Tax Act, Assistance from Market Development Fund etc. Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) provides support through various activities with a view to promoting exports of engineeing goods including automobiles to various markets.

**China's Entry into WTO**

3846. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "China's WTO entry a challenge to exporters" which appeared in the Newstime dated the 30th July, 2001;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems highlighted in the news-item so as to protect the interests of Indian exporters adequately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) :(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) During the accession process to WTO the acceding Member grants concessions to the existing Members on a non-reciprocal basis and these are available to India as well. Thus, China's accession provides opportunities to Indian exporters, implicit in the commitments of China on tariff and non-tariff measures in its Protocol and the Schedules on Goods and Services, which will be binding on China. Upon its accession to the WTO, existing Members of the WTO, including India, would also be obliged to grant to China all the rights in accordance with their commitments under the WTO Agreement. Indian exporters would need to keep this in mind when evolving their trade and marketing strategies.